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TAGS: MARR, NATO IT

SUBJECT: REDUCTION OF U.S. NAVAL FORCES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

REF: USNATO 3742

1. WE NOTE FROM PARA 3 REFTEL THAT BETTINI ATTRIBUTED HIS INSTRUCTIONS ON THE REDUCTION OF U.S. NAVAL FORCES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN TO ITALIAN NAVY AND MOD. WE CERTAINLY HAD NO INDICATION FROM FOREIGN OFFICE SOURCES THAT ITALIANS WERE ABOUT TO MAKE A DEMARCHE ON THIS SUBJECT, AND WE ARE SEEKING TO FIND OUT HOW MUCH PRIOR COORDINATION THERE WAS BETWEEN TWO MINISTRIES. OUR REGULAR KNOWLEDGEABLE MOD AND MFA CONTACTS IN THIS AREA ARE OUT OF TOWN, BUT WE WILL TRY TO EXPLORE THIS MATTER WITH AN EYE TO CLARIFYING ITALIAN RATIONALE.

2. REGARDING THE HIGH LEVEL MILITARY-TO-MILITARY TALKS PROPOSED  
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BY USNATO, WE BELIEVE THE MATTER SHOULD BE KEPT FOR NOW IN

BRUSSELS. AT THE SAME TIME WE INTEND TO DETERMINE WHAT EXACTLY  
IS BOTHERING THE ITALIAN NAVY AFTER WHICH WE WILL BE ABLE TO  
RECOMMEND APPROACHES WHICH MIGHT BE USEFUL. VOLPE

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